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Director of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Director:

In response to the Office Action of September 22, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are not a part of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: the claims are not amended as part of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are not a part of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is not included with this paper.